Increasing MSP/PP for sugarcane

1847. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a pressing demand from the SUGARFED and sugarcane growers of Punjab, Haryana, U.P., Maharashtra and other States for enhancement of sugarcane Procurement Prices;

(b) if so, the prevailing Procurement Price of sugarcane in different States during the last three years and the extent of increase demanded; and

(c) whether the Central Government has fixed a Minimum Support Price of sugarcane; if so, the details thereof and how far it represents an increase in the existing Procurement Prices, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. In the recent past, no such demand has been received by the Central Government.

(b) and (c) The Central Government do not fix the Procurement Price of sugarcane. However, the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane which is payable by the sugar factories to the sugarcane growers is fixed every year under the provisions of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966. The SMP of sugarcane for the sugar season 2005-06 has been fixed at Rs.79.50 per quintal linked to 9% recovery. The SMP of sugarcane for the last three sugar seasons is given below:-

Sugar season	SMP of sugarcane (Rs. per quintal)	Linked to basic recovery of
2002-2003	69.50	8.5% (Increase @ Rs.0.76 for 0.1%)
2003-2004	73.00	8.5% (Increase @ Rs.0.85 for 0.1%)
2004-2005	74.50	8.5% (Increase @ Rs.0.88 for 0.1%)

The SMP fixed by the Central Government is uniformly applicable to all the States in the country.